

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply the enablement requirement. The Examiner asserts that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for using all types of cellulosic sheets. As mentioned on page 4, line 31 to page 5, line 1, the specification states "The 'cellulose' in the present invention is cellulose obtained from pulp prepared from cotton, wood chips, etc. by alkali dissolution etc. using the viscous process, cuprammonium process, or other known cellulose regenerating process (so-called 'regenerated cellulose'). Claim 1 is amended to further define the cellulose as being "regenerated". Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claimed the subject matter of the invention. The claims are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Makoto et al. (JP 2003-041498). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Makoto teaches spacer paper for glass. The spacer paper is placed between glass plates when the glass plates are transported, scored or handle in a state where the plurality of plates are stacked one on another. Stains on the glass, which are referred to as paper marks, paper traces, or paper skins, are suppressed by reducing the amount of material contained in the paper and extracted by hot distilled water. The spacer paper is produced by sheet forming using mechanical pulp waste paper as the raw material. The content of hot-water soluble components in the spacer paper is in the range of 0.1% to 0.7% by weight.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to an inserting paper for sheet materials fabricated from glass that includes a nonwoven sheet made of regenerated cellulose. Claim 1 recites that a content of hot water solubles in the nonwoven sheet is less than 0.1 wt%.

It is respectfully submitted that the applied art fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1 as amended. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art fails to teach or suggest a nonwoven sheet made of regenerated cellulose. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the applied art fails to teach or suggest a content of hot water solubles in the nonwoven sheet is less than 0.1 wt%. By contrast, the applied art teaches a range of content of hot water solubles in a range of 0.1% to 0.7% by weight, not less than 0.1% by weight. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to modify the features of the applied art because the applied art is devoid of such features. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite. For instance, claim 2 recites that the nonwoven sheet is formed without using a binder; claim 3 recites that the nonwoven sheet is pressed by a flat roller; claims 4 and 5 recite that the nonwoven sheet is supercalendered; and claims 6-9 recite that a surface roughness of the nonwoven sheet is not more than 1.5 μm as measured by a KES-FB-4S surface tester. For at least these additional reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-9 are allowable over the applied art.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve

the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

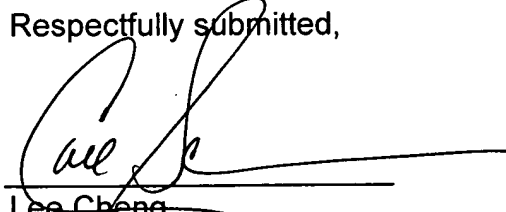
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance; the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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